

House Bill 427

By: Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Knox of the 24th, Jamieson of the 28th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Rice of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide that certain records of nonprofit hospitals shall be open to inspection; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-7-17.

Nonprofit hospitals licensed under this article shall be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 with respect to open records regarding documents relating to:

(1) Remuneration, including salary, benefits, equity of any form, in-kind gifts or services, and any other tangible or intangible item of value, received by an officer, administrator, president, or chief executive officer of the hospital as compensation from the hospital;

(2) Remuneration, including salary, benefits, equity of any form, in-kind gifts or services, and any other tangible or intangible item of value, received by an officer, administrator, president, or chief executive officer of the hospital from any third-party entity doing business with, associated either in contract or in equity with, or representing or operating on behalf of said hospital, or who represents said hospital as a fiduciary or nonfiduciary in any other corporate entity or contractual alliance of any form or fashion; and

(3) Hospital-acquired infection rates."

- 1 **SECTION 2.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.